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Brandy Mosley,

Plaintiff,

C. I Action No.: 548, 117-C

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v.

Rent-A-Center; and DOES 1-10, inclusive,

: COMPLAINT

Defendants.

For this Complaint, the Plaintiff, Br. Mosley, by undersigned counsel, states as follows:

JURISDICTION

1. This action arises out of the Defendants repeated violations of the Louisiana Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, La. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 35 6(10), and the invasions of the Plaintiff's personal privacy by the Defendants and their agents in their illegal efforts to collect a consumer debt.

PARTIES

- 2. The Plaintiff, Brandy Mosley ("Plaintiff"), is an adult individual residing in Shreveport, Louisiana, and is a "consumer" as the term is defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(3).
- 3. The Defendant, Rent-A-Center ("Rent-A Center"), is a California business entity with an address of 3372-S. Bristol Street, Santa Anna, California 92704, operating as a collection agency, and is a "debt collector" as the term is defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(6).

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applies.

- 4. Does 1-10 (the "Collectors") are individual collectors employed by Rent-A-Center and whose identities are currently unknown to the H intiff. One or more of the Collectors may be joined as parties once their identities are disclosed through discovery.
 - 5. Rent-A-Center at all times acted by and through one or more of the Collectors.

ALLEGATIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL COUNTS

A. The Dehr

- 6. The Plaintiff incurred a financial obligation (the "Debt") to a creditor (the "Creditor").
- 7. The Debt arose from services provided by the Creditor which were primarily for family, personal or household purposes and which meets the definition of a "debt" under 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(5).
- 8. The Defendants attempted to collect the Debt and, as such, engaged in "communications" as defined in 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(4)

B. Rent-A-Center Engages in Harassment and Abusive Tactics

- 9. Defendants called Plaintiff's residential phone line in an attempt to collect the debt with the intent to annoy and harass.
 - 10. Defendants discussed Plaintiff's debt with her co-workers and references.
- Defendants threatened to repossess Plantiff's merchandise if she did not pay the Debt.
- 12. Defendants were rude when speaking a Plaintiff: "I hope you know you're going to juil before Christmas."
 - 13. Defendants threatened to send Plaintif references to jail.

'14. A representative of Defendants false y stated he was a district manager, whereas he is a manager at a local Rent-a-Center store.

C. Plaintiff Suffered Actual Damages

- 15. The Plaintiff has suffered and continues to suffer actual damages as a result of the Defendants' unlawful conduct.
- 16. As a direct consequence of the Defendants' acrs, practices and conduct, the Plaintiff suffered and continues to suffer from humiliation, anger, anxiety, emotional distress, fear, frustration and embarrassment.
- 17. The Defendants' conduct was so outrigeous in character, and so extreme in degree, as to go beyond all possible bounds of decency, and to be regarded as atrocious, and utterly intolerable in a civilized community.

COUNTI

VIOLATIONS OF THE LOUISIANA FAIR DEST COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT LA. REV. STAT. ANN. RS 9 § 3562, et al.

- 18. Plaintiff incorporates by reference all printe above paragraphs of this Complaint as though fully stated herein.
 - 19. The Plaintiff is a "consumer" as defined by La. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 3516(10).
- 20. Each Desendant is a "debt collector" is defined by La. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 3534.1(A).
- 21. The Defendants contacted third parties who are not living, residing, or present in the household of the debtor regarding the debtor's objection to pay a debt in violation of LA.

 Rev. Stat. Ann. § 3562.

- 22. The Defendants contacted the Plaintiff and threatened action not otherwise permitted by law in violation of LA. Rev. Stat. Ann. 3562(3).
 - 23. The Plaintiff is entitled to damages pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. Ann. §3572.12.

COUNT II INVASION OF PRIVACY BY INTRUSION INTO PRIVATE AFFAIRS

- 24. The Plaintiff incorporates by reference all of the above paragraphs of this Complaint as though fully stated herein.
- 25. The Restatement of Torts, Second, § \$32(b) defines intrusion upon seclusion as, "One who intentionally intrudes...upon the solitude or seclusion of another, or his private affairs or concerns, is subject to liability to the other for invalian of privacy, if the intrusion would be highly offensive to a reasonable person."
- 26. Louisiana further recognizes the Plaint if's right to be free from invasions of privacy, thus the Defendants violated Louisiana state inv.
- 27. The Defendants intentionally intruded ipon the Plaintiff's right to privacy by continually harassing the Plaintiff with numerous calls.
- 28. The telephone calls made by the Dofon lants to the Plaintiff were so persistent and repeated with such frequency as to be considered, "hounding the plaintiff," and, "a substantial burden to her existence," thus satisfying the Restater and of Torts, Second, § 652(b) and Louisiana law requirements for an invasion of privacy.
- 29. The conduct of the Defendants in engliging in the illegal collection activities resulted in multiple invasions of privacy in such a way as would be considered highly offensive to a reasonable person.
- 30. As a result of the intrusions and invasions, the Plaintiff is entitled to actual damages in an amount to be determined at trial from the Defendants.

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31. All acts of the Defendants and its agents were committed with malice, intent, wantonness, and recklessness, and as such, the Defendants are subject to punitive damages.

COUNT II INTENTIONAL INFLICTION OF EMOTIONAL DISTRESS

- 32. The Plaintiff incorporates by reference all of the above paragraphs of this Complaint as though fully set forth herein at length.
- 33. The acts, practices and conduct engaged in by the Defendants vis-à-vis the Plaintiff was so outrageous in character, and so extreme in degree, as to go beyond all possible bounds of decency, and to be regarded as atrocious, and utterly intolerable in a civilized community.
- 34. The foregoing conduct constitutes the fort of intentional infliction of emotional distress under the laws of the State of New York.
- 35. All acts of the Defendants and the Collectors complained of herein were committed with malice, intent, wantonness, and recklessness, and as such, the Defendants are subject to imposition of punitive damages.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff prays that judgment be entered against the Defendants:

- 1. Actual damages pursuant to La Rev. Stat. Ann. §9-625;
- 2. Actual damages from the Defendants for the all damages including emotional distress suffered as a result of the intentional, reckless, and/or negligent FDCPA violations and intentional, reckless, and/or negligent invasions of privacy in an amount to be determined at trial for the Plaintiff;
- 3. Punitive damages; and

4. Such other and further relief as may be just and proper.

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TRIAL BY JURY DEMANDED ON ALL COUNTS

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Respectfully submitted,

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